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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

J. Pasterczyk

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: in l. 2 insert --the-- before “hydroxyl” and change “functionality” to --functional groups-- which is a proper noun rather than an adjective. Appropriate correction is required.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Throughout these claims, it is not clear how the process is any different than dispersing a support and a catalyst in a liquid in which neither is soluble, then removing the liquid, with the liquid being any solvent, i.e. not necessarily one having a boiling point below -100 °C. After all, temperatures and physical states associated with them are generally relative.

In claims 12 and 20, it is not clear what makes something e.g. “vanadium based” as opposed to merely comprising vanadium.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shepodd et al., USP 6,110,397 (hereafter referred to as Shepodd).

Shepodd discloses the invention substantially as claimed (abstract; examples).

Shepodd lacks explicit addition of a support to the catalyst.

However, the platinum catalyst of Shepodd is already dispersed on a carbon support (col. 4, l. 18).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply that skill to the disclosure of Shepodd with a reasonable expectation of obtaining a highly-useful method of making a supported catalyst with the benefit of greater safety in carrying out the catalytic reaction.

5. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Der Bend et al., USP 3,857,795 (hereafter referred to as Van Der Bend).

Van Der Bend discloses the invention substantially as claimed (abstract; col. 2, l. 41 to col. 3, l. 4; col. 3, l. 35-51).

Van Der Bend lacks disclosure of addition of a solid support material.

However, one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that titanium trichloride is a solid even at room temperature and thus would also act as a support material.


It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply that skill to the disclosure of Van Den Bend with a reasonable expectation of obtaining a highly-useful method of making a supported catalyst with the expected benefit of being able to use it in slurry or gas phase polymerizations.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Pasterczyk whose telephone number is 571-272-1375. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo, can be reached at 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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